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The Senate Is With You

The Senate does not believe, and never has believed, in the zone system. Last summer the Senate defeated a bill which proposed the zone system. It was the opinion of the Senate that the dissemination of information in which the magazines are engaged should not be hampered in any way. The Senate also opposed adding imposition on one section of the country and not on another.

The zone system was tacked on to the War Revenue Bill against the wishes of the majority. It was put through by manipulation. The thing is unjust and unfair. It should be repealed and it can be repealed if you will take prompt action.

Protest Against the Zone System

If you believe you should not be punished for living away from New York, protest against the zone system. Write to your Congressman and to your Senator telling them that you do not see why you should be fined for living in a state that happens to be far away from where the magazine you wish to read is published. Tell your Congressman and your Senator that you believe that taxation should be made uniform. Draw their attention to Canada. Ask them why our government should place a restriction on reading matter when our neighbor across the border, under similar conditions, does not.

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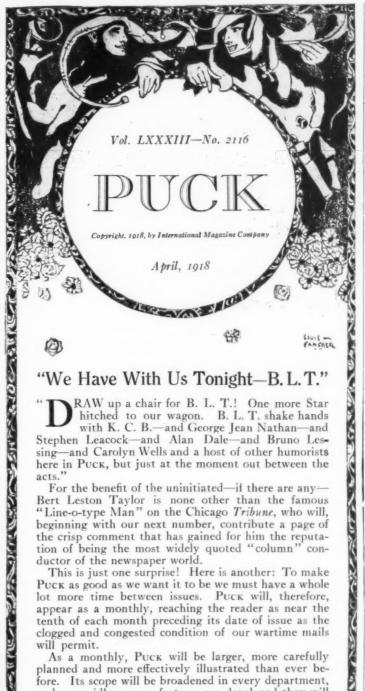
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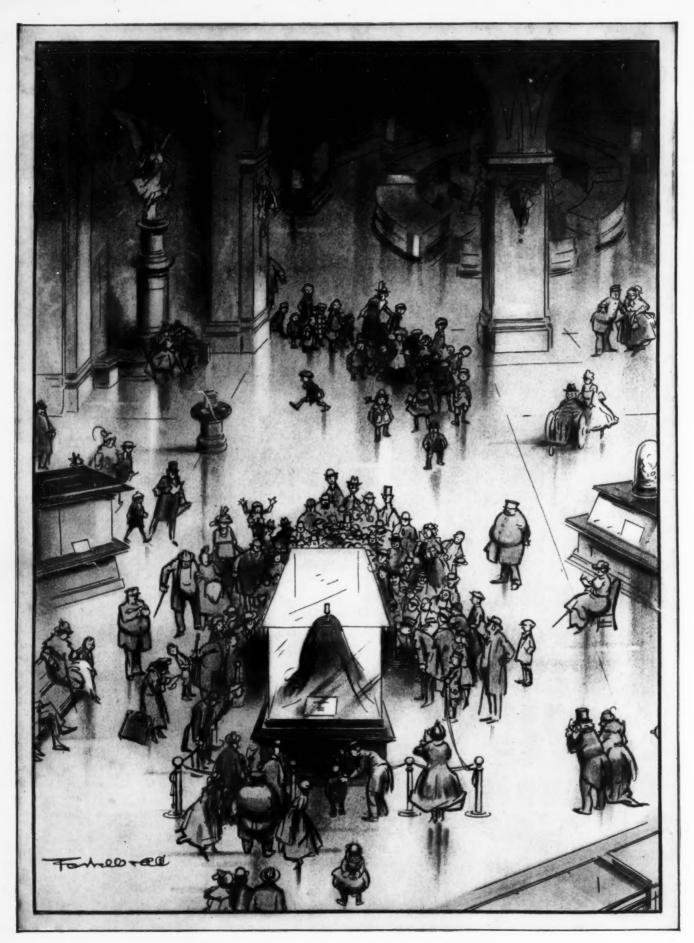
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What Fools These Mortals Be!

HERE is a saying that
March dust is gold
dust, but will please
Mr. Garfield and about a
hundred million of his fellow citizens if it turns out
to be coal dust this year.

Mars, notes the Kaiser, is shining with far less brilliancy and lustre than it displayed, say, two years ago. Something seems to have bumped its orbit.

A lot of important gentlemen are worried. They want to know if they are to have their railroads back at the close of the war. Anybody can see that, under government control, there might be awkward barriers in the way of such practices as wrecked the New Haven road so profitably. There are grounds for worriment.

Fortunately, for the peace of mind of the young and ardent, the Government contemplates no meetless days.

Ultimately, perhaps, man will display the same consideration for himself and his brethren that he now shows for game of vaious kinds. If human slaughter can be checked in no other way, why not institute a number of "closed seasons"? Surely, man is as well worth conserving as quail, grouse or deer.

A piece from London tells how Englishmen are losing much of their old-time reserve in consequence of German air raids. Which, it seems to us, is entirely natural. When one is digging for shelter, one is quite likely to meet, even to converse with, "people one doesn't know."

Iron-handed methods are said to be plainly foreseen in Germany. An iron hand feels a lot different from an Iron Cross, especially when it's pinned upon one's chest.

What might have been called a "Spring offensive" was the sight of girls wearing straw hats during the coal-shortage zero-weather combination.

Occasionally, there crops out an indication that certain old-line politicians of the stand-pat school wish it was Neptune that was being made safe for democracy, rather than the earth. Neptune is the planet which is farthest away.

The chances are that the Czar is a much better card player than he was in the old days. He has probably sensed by this time the unwisdom of overbidding one's hand.

The Ice Trust looks forward to the coming summer with equanimity. It deals in a commodity which nobody as yet has succeeded in hoarding.



There was quite a stir in the world one time over the blunt, uncouth character of "shirt-sleeve diplomacy." But that was before the Russian Bolsheviki took even diplomacy's shirt. There is something almost—one might say—naked about European diplomacy nowadays. It don't seem like the same old guile.

The Hon. Charles Evans Hughes and Major John Purroy Mitchel may think, in their own inmost minds, that the surest way for America and her allies to win the war would be to have Theodore Roosevelt openly espouse the cause of the Kaiser.

It is more than possible that the Prussian war party looks upon the Russian peace parleyists as "a little group of wilful men."

Kings will be in so bad after this war is over that it will be taking a risk even to give a guest "a royal welcome."

Representative Slemp of Virginia proposes that the second-class mailing privilege be denied to any newspaper "which has not had a consistent editorial policy for thirty consecutive days in any calendar year." As a rider to this resolution, we suggest that the Congressional pork privilege be denied to any congressman or senator who is ever found guilty of inconsistency.

Diogenes' difficulty in locating with his lantern one honest man may possibly have been due to a number of unrecorded lightless nights.

Colonel Roosevelt's efforts to get actively into the war game have still to be crowned with complete success. But he's right behind the line of scrimmage, waiting to fall on the ball in case there's a fumble.

We sometimes wonder if Pharoah didn't lie down in that little affair at the Red Sea. Surely, it couldn't have been much worse than the mud in Flanders.

Strange and wholly irresponsible thought: What has become of the open carriage in which the Kaiser and King George rode through London? There should be a place for it in the International Museum of Suppressed Curiosities.

"It has often seemed to me that the most unfortunate thing that ever happened in this country was the fact that an unorganized militia at Bunker Hill was able to defeat an organized army of Great Britain."

—Senator Chamberlain.

And Massachusetts, in her thoughtless way, celebrates the fact.

There are those who think the heir to the Crown of Germany may in time be willing to compromise in favor of a neat, well fitting derby.

The Kaiser's resemblance to Napoleon is marked in the extreme. Napoleon wore a long gray overcoat; and so does Wilhelm.

Old King Cole has to get along with just a phonograph or a player-piano these days. His "fiddlers three" have all been interned as enemy aliens.

It would in no wise mar the religious significance of the time if we should have a hot-crossbunless Good Friday.

When the world is made safe for democracy, there will be upwards of one hundred million names in "Who's Who In America."

"The paths of glory lead but to the grave"; though truly, as the late Thomas Gray did not remark, the paths of profiteering lead but to Palm Beach.

Woman's understanding of matter political is strictly of recent development. Eve was a novice in politics; otherwise, she would have passed up the apple for a plum.

There was a story in our school reader about a little boy who saved Frederick the Great, from being posioned. Frederick was the founder of the house of Hohenzollern. The little boy in the story took a fierce responsibility.

"A little more grape, Captain Bragg," is an expression—hitherto cherished—which will pass out of American history, once the Prohibition amendment is ratified.





On the Other Hand

by K. C. B.



SAW a sign. IN A NEW YORK street car. AND A PICTURE of a woman. GETTING OFF the car. AND SHE WAS standing there. ON HER two feet. AND UNDERNEATH the picture. THERE WAS a line. "THE RIGHT way." AND ANOTHER picture. OF ANOTHER woman. GETTING off the car. AND HER two feet. WERE UP in the air. AND HER head. WAS JUST hitting the pavement. AND underneath. THERE was a line. AND it said. "THE WRONG way." AND I ASK you.



IF YOU don't think.
IT'S A waste of space.
TO PRIN'T anything.
SO PERFECTLY obvious.

A ND DURING the cold spell.
AND THERE wasn't any coal.
THERE WAS a large man.
WITH A red face.
AND HE said out loud.
IN A street car.
THAT HE should worry.
HE HAD enough coal.
TO LAST him till May.
AND THERE was a little man.
JUST GETTING out.
AND HE heard him.
AND STOPPED in front of him.

AND SLAPPED him in the face, AS HARD as he could.
AND BEAT it.

AND THE ONLY trouble.
ABOUT THE daylight law.
AND TURNING the clocks back.
OR TURNING them ahead.
OR WHATEVER I do.
IS THAT I'm going to know.
THAT AT 8 A. M.
IT'S really 7.
AND I'M going to cheat.



A ND anyway.
A THE COLD weather.
AND THE coal shortage.
THROUGHOUT the east.
PUT AN awful crimp.
IN THE number of men.
WHO GO around bragging.
THEY WEAR the same weight.
ALL THE year around.

AND WITH the people.
OWNING THE railroads.
WHAT'S TO hinder us.
FROM ALL going south.
IF IT ever happens.
THERE'S ANOTHER coal shortage.



A ND JUST at the time.
THE PEOPLE of the east.
WERE shivering.



AND crying.

INTO EMPTY coal bins.

ALONG CAME California.

WITH A lot of ads.

ABOUT sunshine.

AND ORANGE blossoms.

AND WE'D read them.

AND COUNT our money.

AND HATE everybody.

AND everything.

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A ND THE man who said.
THAT GIVING aid and comfort.
TO THE enemy.
WAS PAYING alimony.
TO HIS late wife.
WAS A bright man.
BUT A poor picker.



AND now.
THAT IN the street cars.
THERE ARE women conductors.
FIRST THING we know.
WHEN WE'RE late.
FOR OUR evening meal.
WE'LL BE asked.
WHY WE didn't get off.
AT OUR own street.

A ND I'VE counted these lines.
AND SO far as I know.
THERE ARE just enough.
TO FILL this page.
AND I'LL see you again.
AND good bye.

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How to Win the War

by A VETERAN STRATEGIST

Staff Military Expert of The New York Metropolis; author of "How To Win The War" (published by E. P. Mutton and Co., 1914), "How To Win The War" (published by the Hitten Mustern Co., 1915), "How To Win The War" (published by God Speed and Company, 1916), and "How To Win The War" (published by Carper and Brothers, 1917.)

Editor's Note: It is a distinct privilege to be able to present to the public, through Puck, this authoritative article by so well-known a military analyst and war strategist. The writer, who must remain anonymous, will be remembered for his now famous prediction, in August, 1916, of the outcome of the Battle of St. Valery-en-Caux, which would have been correct in the minutest detail had the battle taken place, and for his even more remarkable—indeed, uncanny—prognostication in 1915, anent the turning of the Greek left wing by the Huns between Stymphalos and Zakholi, a prognostication that needed but the turning of the Greek left wing by the Huns between Stymphalos and Zakholi to make it the most astounding prediction ever made by a military expert.

A CLOSE scrutiny of the present military situation on the Western Front reveals several important, albeit hitherto unnoticed, facts. And it is unquestionably because

these facts have not been taken into consideration by the commanders of the Allied armies that the war has not long since been pushed to a successful conclusion. Although my observations of armies in the era preceding this war have been confined to two-Coxey's and the Salvation - these observations have since proved invaluable in that they have persuaded me, and emphatically, that were the Allied generals to follow the strategy of the above two armies in the offensive against the Boches, the latter would promptly be driven back onto German soil.

In the first place, my study of the Salvation Army has brought me to the conclusion that the tambourine and bass-drum should be substituted by the Allies for their present military bands. The reason for this is simple. First, the average military band is made up of 24 men, a clear waste of 22 men who might be placed under arms were the band reduced to the Salvation size. Second, the average military band, though it contains 24 men, actually never has more than 22 men playing at one time (a sheer waste of two potential rifle-bearers) since the trombone player spends most of his share of every other selection pouring out the saliva that has accumulated in his trombone during the previous selection and since the bass-drummer makes so much racket no one can ever hear the flute player anyway. And third, a military bandand this is the most important of my observations-cannot assist in the demolition of the

enemy as might a Salvation Army band. Let me make myself clear.

It is a conceded fact that no one has ever been able to resist the impulse to stop for at least a moment at a street-corner where a Salvation Army band is playing, nose up to the crowd and listen to Sister Susie soughing scherzos for Christian soldiers. This fact Generals Pershing, Haig, et al, have completely overlooked. I understand that there are at present 694 military bands attached to the Allied armies on the Western Front. As each of these bands contains approximately 24 men, this makes a grand total of 16,656 musicians. Put the Salvation Army system into effect, i.e., divide these musicians into bands of two each, a bass-drum and a tambourine, and you have one-half of 16,656 or exactly 8,328 bands in place of the present meagre 694. These 8,328 Salvation Army bands would, true enough, require, and

immediately, 4,164 tambourines, but these might be obtained without delay by requisitions from the 4,164 Spanish dancers dancing at the present time in the cabarets between Forty-second Street and Healy's. Once these 8,328 Salvation Army bands were outfitted, all that would remain to be done would be (1) to instal them at 8,328 street-corners of a dozen villages and towns near the firing-line and (2) draw back the Allied lines under cover of night to a point directly back of the villages and towns. The result is apparent. Immediately the Germans learned of the Allied retreat, they would forge forward in pursuit. But while forging forward, they would hear the 8,328 tambourines and bass-drums on the street corners of the villages and towns and would, by the conceded fact, be unable to resist stopping, listening for a moment and cracking a joke or two at the tambourine brother. And then, while the Germans

were thus off their guard, the Allied armies might softly sneak forward, surround the villages and towns and capture the whole lot of them!

Just as my knowledge of the Salvation Army here opens up this vista of an easy and certain victory for our Allied forces, so the months of my service in Coxey's Army have made me privy to still another strategic move that, did the Allied Generals but know it, would promptly force the Huns back upon their haunches and insure a complete Allied triumph in less than three months. Coxey's Army, you will recall, had no quartermaster's department; that is, it had no quartermaster's department unless some kind-hearted housewife along the line of march opened her kitchen door half an inch and slipped out a piece of pie. But pieces of pie were generally forthcoming: And why, pray? Because of what I may term the great General Coxey's "sympathy" strategy. General Coxey knew-wise soldier that he was!-that no housewife could resist the appeal of his tattered, lean, collarless, shirtless and shoeless troopers. Does the idea so far as it relates to our Allied armies begin to suggest itself to you? If not, here it is.

Let Generals Haig, Pershing, et al., command their troops to make up like hoboes, then send them back to America, let them ship immediately back to Sweden, from Sweden gradually sneak in groups of two and three across to Holland and from (Continued on page 32)



"Yes, my dear, you don't know how proud I am of that service flag.

Just think—three foolmen and a chauffeur!"



Why Marry?

Photo by Goldberg

—No, not necessarily Miss Estelle Winwood, but that happens to be the title of the play in which she and Nat Goodwin, among others, are endeavoring to answer the perplexing question.

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"Seven Days' Leave, Oh Boy!"

"On leave" these days means that at least one evening will be spent admiring Miss Miriam Collins in "Seven Days" Leave"— to be followed as soon as possible by a visit to "Oh, Boy," where Miss Florence Maguire numbers her khaki-clad devolees by army corps.





This petite Egyptienne (Miss Beatrice Dakin) "does her bit" at the Winter Garden.

The Three Graces

While Miss Fay Marbe lends lustre to the perenniat "Oh, Boy!"



Would you recognize Miss Helen Falconer as Cicely, the little country girl in "Jack O'Lantern"?

A Tiger Rose

by ALAN

TT is really quite wonderful how kindly and how gracefully the young actress of today takes to being chatted with "for publication," as it were. She is self-controlled, self assertive, and almost spectacularly simple-quite a contrast to the ladies I used to commune with, umpty-s'teen years ago. She puts you at your ease, even before it is time to get there; she dominates a situation that was formerly yours, and she says only the things that she wants to say-nothing

I never used to go to the theatre dressing-rooms to meet these interesting young things. Oh, no. I went to their apartments, where they set the stage, arranged everything picturesquely, and made me feel that I was expected. It was all pleasingly stereotyped. But nowwell, I rather prefer the dressing room, with its "atmosphere," and its freedom from restraint-also its freedom from the conventional adornments of "home." After all, a dressing-room is an actress's home, and her apartment is just a sort of epilogue. And really I dislike epilogues intensely.

In the case of Miss Lenore Ulric-I knew that she was one of those newcomers who would be perfectly easy and pleasant, and candid-in her theatre surroundings. Why should I bother about her home, and worry the poor girl into securing a mother and a dog? Just as I can judge a performance in an empty theatre, minus an audienceand get things tolerably straight, too-so I can form an estimate of any actress in her unencumbered dressing-room, minus the stage settings of home. So I merely telephoned to the Lyceum Theatre that I planned to call upon Miss Ulricand just called!

Note please, that it is Miss Ulric-and not Ulrich, as it was when "Tiger Rose" began its career at the Lyceum. Somebody called my attention to the change, otherwise I should never have noticed it. It was the first time I had ever heard of an American actress dropping an "h." I thought that such carelessness was the prerogative of the cockney lady-though to be sure, she drops it at the beginning, whereas Miss Ulric has eliminated it at the finale, which is so much more

The matinee was just over, and I had heard the star uttering her pretty little cries of anguish in the last scene, as I awaited her. The stage hands were ready to prepare things for the night performance. I may remark that as I stood at the wings I very nearly made a metropolitan début. You see I didn't realize that the curtain was still up, and I was about to cross the stage when a doughty gentleman plucked me back. If he had not done so, I might have been on the road to a stellar career under the guidance of David Belasco. Fate was either kind or unkind-I'll leave you to decide which.

Miss Ulric was ready almost instantaneously to receive me. Her emotion left her immediately, and from suffering maidenhood, she leaped to everyday courtesy. Her hair was streaming down her back, her "make-up" still lurked unbalkedand it all made me feel quite Tiger-Rose-y. The little actress looked like a picture-and by-thebye, she has made many. She is an intelligent looking personette, not precisely pretty, but certainly magnetic. She started talking immediately, and made a great hit with me. I love Without a Thorn

DALE

'em when they get busy without my aid. I just sit there, listen, and sift it all afterwards to suit my fell purpose.

Little Miss Ulric scarcely needed any prompting. She told me all I wanted to know almost before I wanted to know it, and I felt quite grateful. Of course I put a few questions, just to show that I was on earth, but they were very few, and very far between. "Why did you drop your 'h' "?

was one of mine.
"Mr. Belasco did it for me," was the quick reply. "I never knew I was Miss Ulric until one night Mr. Belasco showed me a programme with the name spelled in that way. I thought it very kind of him-very thoughtful, because 'Ulrich' is not pretty, is it? Then, I believe that Mr. Belasco is excellent at names. I heard that it was really he who was responsible for Miss Adams becoming 'Maude' instead of 'Maudie.' Also that he had something to do with Mary Pickford's title. Of course I am only saying what I have heard. The combination of 'Lenore' and 'Ulrich' is not euphonious, was it?"

"Is Lenore really your name?" I asked. It is

hard to pronounce.

"Positively," was the reply. "I was born that way-or at least christened that way. They used to tease me about the 'lost Lenore'-and 'quoth the Raven' and all that sort of thing. Do you think it would be better if I made it Leonora?"

Oh, horror! I felt I was on dangerous ground. Suppose I advised "Leonora" and she became that before the evening performance-wouldn't it be dreadful for me? I wondered what Belasco would say.

"I know I haven't a good stage name," she mused. "Oh, I have felt that many times, and I really think that much depends upon a pronounceable name. It seems hard work for people to say 'Lenore Ulric'. Tell me, do you think I should let it remain?"

For one so young, she seemed to be very reckless about names. She looked at me as though one word from me would change

all her life, and I began to wish I hadn't been so inquisitive. She was "all wrought up" about her name. I thought of all sorts of names that would fit her, but lacked the courage to mention them. In fact, I was getting what they call in the classics "cold feet," because she harped so persistently upon the subject.

"I never think that mere name matters," I said finally, but perhaps without proper conviction. The actress makes the name—not the name the actress." (I thought that rather pretty, and I got it off very glibly). "I consider that 'Lenore Ulric' without the 'h' quite susceptible to popularity. You can trust Belasco. He knows."

I mopped a damp forehead. I was anxious, for I seemed to be doing horrid things, and disarranging stars. The names I like are quite high-falutin'. I have a tendency to names like Gladys de Montmorency, or Hyacinth Ponsonby. They are so full of



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character! But I could not say that to Miss

"I've only been on the stage seven years," she said girlishly, as though in extenuation of her name. "I played stock, in my home town-

"And I feel sure it was some quaint little, remote, mountain region, far from the madding world," I interposed poetically.

"Perhaps," she replied. "I was born in Milwaukee, and that answers all the requirements, doesn't it? It was there that I first did stock work, and then I came to Schenectady, where I did more stock. And let me tell you that it was a valuable experience."

"They all say it," I retorted, for it is a stock remark.

"It is true," she repeated. "Stock work takes off the raw edges, and gives a girl some sort of confidence in herself. She learns the technique of the stage, and later, when she comes to New York, she is not a hopeless amateur. I even played Shakespeare in stock. I appeared in 'Twelfth Night.' I have acted many rôles, but I hope that I have found myself in emotional work." She paused, and I interrogated dutifully.

"Emotional work appeals to me much more strenuously than does comedy. Oh, I know it is a good thing to make people laugh-I quite see that-but I prefer the other kind of work. I can cry so easily. I can cry for instance in 'Tiger Rose' much more readily now, after the long run, than I could at first. I understand the part better, and that makes it more-cry-able."

Real tears?"

"Absolutely," she insisted. "No glycerine for me. When I was in pictures I was also able to weep. It is not easy to weep in pictures, and it was only after the director had talked at me for fifteen minutes, in the effort to make me realize the significance of the scene, that I was able to get to the tear-shedding point. But I managed to get there, and without the aid of the preparations that some picture people use for the purpose.

Slight switch to pictures! "I never became picturized," she explained smiling. "You see, I did pictures for a time, then left them, and then went back. In that way, I avoided what many people call their influence. They do make one dreadfully self-conscious. I

was always worrying about my face, and the right angle at which I should hold it. Mr. Belasco had to undo all that, and it was not easy. I found that I looked my best holding my head slightly down, so I started playing all my scenes that way. Of course, Mr. Belasco saw that I was just 'picturizing' and soon he managed to get that out of my system.

he is a wonderful person. ' I fancy that I have heard that before-once or twice. It is not an original remark, but it is always

interesting-not to be sneezed at. "He let me do much as I like," she continued-and I could have added (but didn't) that it must have been much as he liked-"I had been told that I should be

dragged round the stage by my hair, and all those stories, you know, I confess that I was rather frightened, because my hair is quite nice, and I was not anxious to have it used for dragging purposes. However, I never discovered anything at all terrifying in Mr. Belasco. I think that he

"They used to tease me about the 'lost

Lenore', and 'quoth the raren', and all that sort of thing."

> consults his actors considerably, and is most kind and courteous, always. That has been my experience.

She talked very rapidly, and paused occasionally to ask me if I was comfortable. She wondered if the dressing-room was too warm, or if my chair was pleasant. In fact, she did the hostess admirably.

"I am a great theatre-goer," she said naively. "Or at least I was. I used to go to the play every night. I was miserable if I missed a night. I could sit in the theatre all the time, and be perfectly happy. Nothing bores me, and I discover something interesting in every production. They used to laugh at my enthusiasm. I guess I covered more performances in a week than you ever do."

I didn't quite realize how that could be possible, unless Miss Ulric went to each show twice. I admit that I never do that.

"I have been studying Madame Sarah Bernhardt. I never saw her when she was at her best, in fact I never saw her at all until recently. I loved her work and can (Continued on page 33)





"An Apple a Day-"

Photo by Alfred Cheney Johnston

The presence of the fall of man may or may not be symbolical, but certainly all New York has fallen in love with the dancing of Miss Dorothy Dickson.





Angels of Mercy



Mercy-by Raemaekers



"If my wife should marry again," ran a clause in the will, "it would make me happy if she married my partner, Samuel Gordon,"

Tales of the Town

I. Being of Sound Mind

by Bruno Lessing

O anyone possessing a sense of humor there is always something comical in the idea of a man making his last will and testament. He, himself, passes to eternal quietude but he desires to leave behind him some of his power to mould events and affect destinies in this restless life. Frequently he succeeds and you see human beings spending their days under a yoke that is kept pressed upon their neck by a vanished hand. Sometimes it is beneficent, sometimes it is diabolical but, always, there is something subtly amusing about it. While it is possible that, at times, the testator himself is inspired by a humorous impulse it is absolutely certain that the last will and testament of Moses Sammish was prepared with the utmost solemnity. No ray of humor had ever been known to penetrate his soul. And vet-

"If my wife should marry again," ran a clause in his will, "it would make me happy if she married my partner, Samuel Gordon. He owes me \$10,000 which is due in one year from date. If he marries my widow I wish this debt to be cancelled. If not, this money is to be paid to the treasury of the Montefiore Benevolent Association."

Sammish died within a week after making his will. How the prospect of his widow marrying his partner could add to his happiness in a future state, is something that must be left to those who communicate with the spirit world, but it required no spiritualistic seance to demonstrate the fact that it flabbergasted his partner. To begin with, Sammish was past fifty when he died while

Gordon was only thirty. Furthermore, upon the few rare occasions when Gordon met his partner's wife the only thought that had entered his mind was: why had Sammish married her? And, further-still-more,—well, there was a she whose name was Leah and whose hair was like burnished gold and who always made Gordon marvel at his luck that she should notice such a worm as he. And here he was saddled with a choice between an unattractive, elderly widow and the loss of \$10,000—to say nothing of the probable complications that would ensue if Leah heard of the matter.

Gordon's wooing of Leah Mannes had been sudden, swift and triumphant. She was an orphan and lived with her aunt. Her hair was of gold but her temper—her spirit, Gordon fondly called it—was of more brittle metal. Being young, goodlooking and possessed of money of her own, she was an exacting little miss and, fond as Gordon was of her, he felt that he never could be sure of her until they were married and he feared that if her pique were ever seriously aroused it might jeopardize his chances.

Lubinsky, the lawyer, had read the will in the presence of Mrs. Sammish, Gordon and Hyman Tarpitz, the president of the Montefiore Benevolent Association. At the reading of the fatal clause Tarpitz had carefully scrutinized the features of the widow and then, after a brief glance at Gordon, had smiled. And Gordon had seen this smile and had writhed in spirit. Then Lubinsky had said,

"It's now up to you people to decide what you

want to do. There is no hurry but, in the meantime, I guess the less said about it the better."

To this all had agreed. Then the widow had served tea and Gordon had departed. And, here he was, in his room, cursing the caprice which had prompted his partner to insert such a clause in his will. They had not been equal partners-Gordon's share of the profits having been less than half of Sammish's-but Gordon knew that he was growing more valuable to the business every month and had intended, when the payment of his debt came due, to suggest to his partner that some new arrangement be made whereby he would receive sufficiently more compensation to take care of his note. That Sammish would have agreed to this he never, for a moment, questioned. That Mrs. Sammish would never agree to it, was of equal certitude in Gordon's mind. After pondering over the situation for several hours without arriving at any satisfactory conclusion, Gordon called upon Lubinsky, the lawyer.

"That was a hell of a will," he said, without preamble. Lubinsky shrugged his shoulders.

"I'm sorry you don't like it," he replied. "I

drew it up."

"Oh, what you did was all right," Gordon hastened to explain. "I'm only thinking of Sammish.

If he hadn't died I wouldn't have to pay that money. Even when I borrowed it he said he

guessed we could fix it up some day."
"Well, you don't have to pay it," said Lubinsky. Gordon stared at him.

"How do you figure that out?" he asked.

"Didn't you hear me read the will? Marry his widow!" said the lawyer. Gordon wiped his forehead.

"With that face? I wouldn't do it for ten million dollars."

"Her face ain't so bad," said the lawyer. "She's a very kind-hearted lady."

"Sure she is," said Gordon. "I ain't got nothing against her so long as I don't have to marry her. But she ain't got any sense. Even Sammish was always saying that his wife didn't have sense enough to go in the house when it was raining." The lawyer shrugged his shoulders.

"It all depends," he said, "on how much you think of ten thousand dollars and how much you think of ladies' faces. But if you'll excuse me, I

got work to do."

The next step that suggested itself to Gordon was to call upon Tarpitz, the president of the Montefiore Benevolent Association. The moment Tarpitz beheld his visitor he grinned.

"Well," exclaimed Gordon, defiantly, "what's funny about my coming here?"

"Nothing," replied Tarpitz, "only I expected it."

"Oh, you did, did you?" sneered Gordon.
"And if it ain't asking you too much, what do you think I came for?"

"You came," answered Tarpitz, promptly, "to ask me if I didn't think it was a shame for Sammish to make such a will and if, maybe, there wasn't some way of your getting out of paying me ten thousand dollars."

Gordon's antagonistic glare melted away into a sheepish grin.

"Ain't there?" he asked. Tarpitz, still smiling, shook his head.

"The way the whole business strikes me," he said, "is, either you pay the money when it's due or you marry the widow." Gordon gazed at him contemplatively for a few moments and, then, his eyes began to narrow.

"If that's the case," he said, "nothing is left excepting to marry her." Tarpitz frowned.

"With such a face?" he inquired. Gordon drew himself up, haughtily.

"Mrs. Sammish, I'd like to have you know," he said, "is a fine-preserved lady. She may be a couple of years or so older, but what's that to me? Or,—if you like it better—what's that to ten thousand dollars? Anyway, I want to tell you one thing." Gordon rose and laid his hand on Tarpitz's shoulder.

"Always keep one thing in your mind," he went on. "When it comes to a pinch and I got to pay ten thousand dollars to a bunk benevolent society or get married, you'd be surprised to see who I'd marry. I wouldn't care if she was black or green."

Whereupon he strode out of the room, leaving Tarpitz scratching his head and frowning.

To a philosopher, sitting aloof from life's turbulent activities but disinterestedly observant of the mainsprings of human action, there is nothing more fascinating than to watch the evolution of that psychological phenomenon which is flippantly called a "bluff." It affords the ideal study of the comparative psychology of two human beings. One bluffs. The other thinks he is bluffing, but is not sure. The first suspects that the other thinks he is bluffing and is not only determined that his adversary shall be con-

vinced that he is not bluffing, but—and this is the whimsical part of it—gradually bluffs himself into the belief that he is in earnest. The attitude of each is based entirely upon his conception of the workings of the other's mind. Each looks upon the situation from the supposed standpoint of the other. If it is kept up long enough it always becomes a dizzy muddle.

Gordon became determined to prove to Tar-



"Oy, oy-an' now we'll be relations!"

pitz that he would not hesitate to marry the widow. It required considerable fortitude even to entertain the idea but there is a great deal of fortitude in \$10,000. He called upon her. Mrs. Sammish greeted him amiably.

"I got a letter from my cousin in Detroit," she said. "She says the weather is terrible out there. She hasn't been able to go shopping and she needs a lot of things for a wedding she is going to be

maid of honor at. I'll never forget the time I was maid of honor. It was at Esther Altman's wedding. She married a man named Miller or Ruben or some such name. My mother—"

Mrs. Sammish was in the habit of rambling on like this by the hour. She spoke in a low, pleasing voice and it involved no strain upon her hearer's faculties to listen to her, although no one was ever known to pay attention to what she said.

"I suppose," said Gordon, interrupting her suddenly, "the only way I can save that money is to propose to you." Mrs. Sammish smiled.

"My cousin had a man propose to her last year," she said. "He was in the insurance business. He came from Canada. Was you ever in Canada? They say it's terrible cold up there."

Gordon departed without committing himself further and the first man he met upon the street was Tarpitz. It was now Gordon's turn to grin.

"I just come from Mrs. Sammish," he said. "D'ye know, when you take her all in all, she ain't so bad-looking. She's got a fine voice." Tarpitz's lips pressed tightly together.

"I hope you invite me to the wedding, anyway," he replied.

"Sure," said Gordon. "The more presents we get the better."

Gordon then called upon Leah Mannes. She greeted him so coolly that Gordon began to quake inwardly.

"Before you say a word," he began, hastily, "listen (Continued on page 30)



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From No-Man's Land



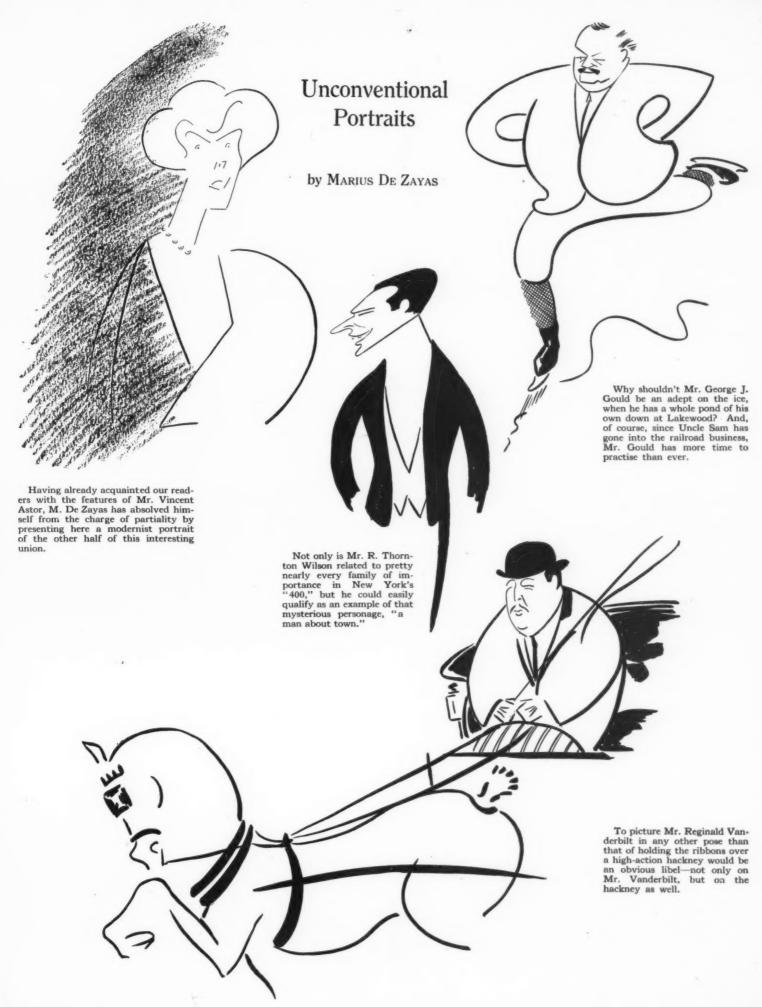
SAMMY: "Every time I hear one o' those 'heavies' hit, it reminds me of th' last time I asked the boss for a raise."



YANK (on night patrol between the lines): "'S that you, Jim?" A VOICE: "Ya wohl—ich bin Jim, wie befinden—sie—sich?"



Nobody home.



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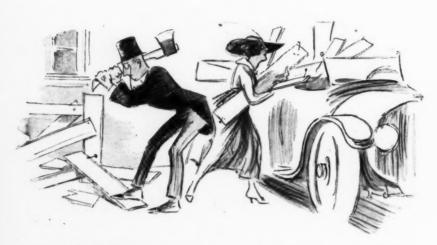
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The Christy-Sargeants go in for recapturing the devil-may-care Bohemianism of their early struggles.

Taking Art Seriously

by Berney Lee



HE dominant note of the Winter Exhibition of the National Academy of Design is seriousness. Nowadays everything has a dominant note. Some dominant notes are better than others. Seriousness is one of the best dom-

inant notes that ever dominated.

The first impression which the walled array of colored canvasses makes upon the beholder is that it is a casual affair. But as one studies the underlying motives of each creation the conclusion is forced upon the mind that the entire exhibition was premeditated. Yet what could be more natural? In mundo non datur casus—nothing happens by blind chance. Everything is worked out by some superintending power. Every picture in this exhibition was painted on purpose. For once in its history the Academy of Design has lived up to its name.

We may, therefore, accept the units of this exhibition at their parolithic value but they, in turn, have got to take the consequences. Otherwise it wouldn't be fair. So, without prejudice, let us wander from canvas to canvas, study the artist's intent, his technique, his prescience and penetrate into the soul of things. To do it fairly is, of course, an arduous task which calls into play the entire gamut of human emotions but it's better

than being in the trenches.

You have to pay fifty cents to enter. As Kant aptly remarks, in his Critique of Pure Reason, "The cosmological idea is either too great or too small for the empirical regress in a synthesis, and consequently for every possible conception of the understanding." Personally, we think that a dime ought to be enough.

We are attracted by No. 57, a canvas by Tera

George entitled "Helen." As we gaze at Helen's features our first impulse is to say, "No!" This, you must remember, casts no reflection upon Helen. It is about the only right that men have left. We have not the slightest doubt that she is an accomplished linguist, is good to her mother and knits for the soldiers. But as we think of the Ziegfeld Follies we can only shake our head sadly and say, with Socrates, "No, Helen!" The high lights, however, are not so bad.

We find ourselves before Sargent's portrait of John D. Rockefeller (No. 253). hand it to Sargent. Any man who succeeded in being alone in a room with John D. long enough to paint his portrait, is a man to be envied. Who got the other's watch is entirely beside the point. Personally, we would give one of our few remaining back teeth to spend a couple of hours a day for a week alone in a room with John D. How we would come out is a matter of conjecture. We would be willing, however, to take a chance. We have several grand schemes. We would also leave our watch at home. But the art and the coloratura in Sargent's work are altogether aux epinards. There is none of the naturalistic or academic representation of the Italian primitives in this

MAN WITH STATE OF A DEVICE OF





The dominant note of the Winter Exhibition is seriousness. Seriousness is one of the best dominant notes that ever dominated

work. Nor is there a vestige of the symbolism of spiritual imagination. Sargent is, first and foremost, a gentleman. The tag upon the painting announces the fact that the picture is owned by John D. Rockefeller, Esq. That is what is commonly called a foregone conclusion.

Close beside John D. hangs Anna Fisher's painting (No. 262) entitled "Still Life." We knew an Anna Fisher when we were a small boy playing in the puddles of Philadelphia. Her father had a stall in the Callowhill Market. We are afraid, however, that this is not the same Anna. We have had no luck of late.

"Still Life" is one of those delicate products of the brush that unfold a vista of the higher life. The picture shows a pot, a basket, four clam shells and some carrots. These form the *motif vif* of the foreground. In the background, half shrouded in the gloom of the chiaro-scuro, is an onion. It isn't at all bad.

Nos. 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276 and 277 aren't bad either. They might all be worse. Here art joins hands with life. There isn't a thing on earth, no matter how bad it is, that might not be worse. No matter what form of lingering death you select as your ideal, you have only to ponder over it for a month, to improve upon it.

No. 278 is a portrait of N. R. M. It is painted by Helen McClain. N. R. M. is a man—incognito. We do not blame him. But, oh, Helen! Stroll past the Lambs' Club any evening between five and six and we'll show you some boys that will elevate your ideal of manly beauty. We usually drop in at 5:30. Not that we are stuck on ourself. Heavens, no! But, N. R. M.—bah!

Nos. 279 to 353 we skip. This must not be counted against them. We once strolled behind a little blonde in the Louvre, in Paris, and skipped Nos. 1 to 4693. And we have the highest regard for Murillo, Raphael, Michael Angelo, Rubens and

all that crowd.

things sometimes happen just so. We've often skipped the whole Metropolitan Museum of Art. No. 354, however, com-You mands attention. could not enter the half in which it hangs without observing it. noticed it the very first thing. It is a landscape painting in the newest art. It represents either a house on a hill or a hill on a house. It is entitled "Genzano." The title sounds like something that you take three times a day before mealsten drops in water, increasing the dose until the throat feels dry. Still, it may be a place. If any picture in the show has atmosphere, this has. There is a penumbrant naiveté in its craftsmanship that suggests the undertone of one of Palestrino's cantatas. The record works just as well back-(Continued on page 29)



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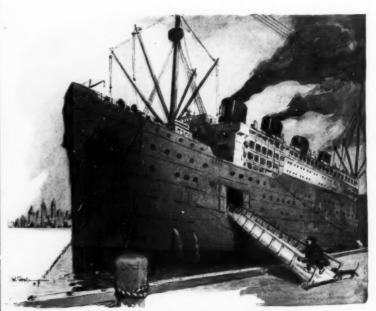
by RICHARD LE GALLIENNE

EAT-LESS and wheat-less and heat-less are we,
But happy at heart as a bird in a tree—
In the thought of the beauty
Of doing our duty,
Making safe the world for democracy.

What are five Mondays to shiver and shake, If we shiver and shake for democracy's sake? And, though we go meat-less, And languidly wheat-less— Is the sacrifice one so tremendous to make?

Leg-less and arm-less and eye-less there be, Thousands of heroes there over the sea,— Father-less, brother-less, Sister-less, mother-less: 'Tis so they have wrought for democracy.

'Tis a 'nuisance' and tiresome enough, to be sure,
But what a poor fraction it is to endure;
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A Hard Job

ASEY: Shure, Maloney is scared to death for fear he'll be drafted. IcCARTY: Phwat's he afraid of? ASEY: He's a hod-carrier by trade an' someone is after tellin' him that he of these trench-mortars weigh a couple of tons.

Taking Art Seriously

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wards. We suspect that this picture has been hung upside down.

We suddenly find ourself face to face with No. 187. It is by Mr. And whistlin' the whole durn livelong F. C. Frieseke, N. A. The N. A. sig-day. nifies that he is a member of the National Academy of Design and that anything that he paints has got to be exhibited. The complaint against him this time is entitled "Sleep." It portrays a lady in blue lying on a couch with her eyes closed. She may be asleep. And she may not. We are taking no chances. But blue is not becoming to the lady's complexion. And the painting is surrounded by a lot of impressionistic junk in every tint of the rainbow that could possibly jar on blue. So we advise the lady, if she is really asleep, to sleep on. Oh, Art! how many crimes are committed in thy name!

No. 143, "Westchester Hillside," was the last thing that we saw as we passed out. It is credited in the catalogue to Ernest Lawson, N. A. (Elect). Why he was electrocuted for this offense is beyond our understanding. Why not begin with those privateers who have put the price of gasolene so high that the chauffeur has to work the taximeter with his elbow?

Taking it all in all, by and large and on the whole, the winter exhibition of the Academy is a great success. It got fifty cents out of us.

That Kid o'Mine

YOU orter see that kid o' mine Who uster work from six till nine,

Hoin' potaters, rakin' hay,

Six feet two he was, and thin, And when he walked his toes turned

He wasn't much on looks, I vow, But, gosh, you orter see him now.

When war come on he couldn't stay And see the others go away; So off he went, the fine young scamp, And joined that soldiers training camp.

He isn't pigeon-toed no more, When he goes struttin' cross the floor With metal buttons on his chest And olive drab and all the rest.

And when he gets out there in France Old Kaiser Bill won't have a chance Of beatin' out that kid o' mine Who uster work from six till nine.

MAYSIE: What's Grace going to give Ethel for an engagement present?

DAYSIE: Oh, you know Grace has a marvelous collection of antiques. I believe she's going to give Ethel an old spoon.

MAYSIE: Cat!

A woman's heart is a suppressed newspaper which circulates secretly.



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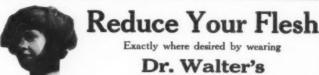
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three days.

"I'm listening," she replied, icily. Gordon wiped the perspiration from his forehead while his brain struggled frantically to concoct a plausible and convincing story.

"My partner died," he began.

"So you told me last week," interrupted Leah. And then came a flash of inspiration to Gordon.

"I just found out," he went on, "that he was interested in my get-ting married. He left me ten thousand dollars for a wedding present, only I mustn't tell a soul about it until I'm married." Leah clapped her hands with delight.

"Isn't that grand!" she exclaimed. "Then we can get married next month!" Gordon gasped.

"I've got to be very busy for the next month," he protested, feebly.

"So much the better," said Leah. "I'll have so many things to do that you'd only be in the way.'

"The wedding's got to be a secret," said Gordon, determinedly.

"Is that in the will?" asked Leah, aghast.

"It's a queer will," said Gordon, evasively. "I had a talk with the lawyer and there's only one thing I'm sure of. If anyone knows we're going to be married next month I'll lose the money. No, dear, we'll be married quietly-only your relatives and mine-and we won't say a word till the last minute. Then you'll see, I'll be \$10,000 richer. Leah protested but Gordon advanced so many new reasons for secrecy that she finally yielded.

He now became an assiduous caller upon the widow Sammish. He smoked cigarettes by the hour listening to her endless stream of inconsequential prattle without paying the slightest heed to what she said. She had never had a listener like that and Gordon rose high in her esteem. Once he interrupted her. She was describing the difference between the preserved fruit that she bought in the market and the kind she put up herself.

"If you don't mind," said Gordon, "I'll call you Sarah and you call me Sam. Can I come for dinner tomorrow night?" Mrs. Sammish nodded and went on with her description. When he left the house Gordon dropped into Tarpitz's office.

"D'ye know," he said, "I've been asking questions about that Montefiore Benevolent Association and I think I'd like to join it. You never know what might happen to a man."

"A fine idea," said Tarpitz. "I'll propose you myself."

"Could I use your telephone a moment?" asked Gordon and, when Tarpitz had nodded assent, called up Mrs. Sammish.

"Oh, Sarah," he said, in a casual

to why I haven't called for the last tone, "I forgot to ask if you wouldn't be good enough to have some of those liver dumplings for dinner to-morrow. Yes? That's lovely of you. All right. Good-bye!" He turned to the frowning Tarpitz and, with a smile, said,

"D'ye know, that woman can get up the finest dinner in New York." Tarpitz stroked his long, black beard studiously for several minutes and then clapped Gordon upon the back.

"Look -ahere," he said. "What's the use of two friends like us having a difference over a small thing like ten thousand dollars. Suppose we compromise it?"

"How d'ye mean, compromise?" asked Gordon, suspiciously.

"Supposing you pay \$5,000 to the association and marry who you like. Ain't that fair?'

"Fair?" sniffed Gordon. "I should say not. D'ye mean to say you don't want me to marry Mrs. Sammish? Because, if you do, I'll tell you right here, not a man living is going to interfere with my getting married."

"But she's so old that-"

"Hush! Not a word against Sarah Sammish!" And Gordon strode haughtily from the office. For the next week he saw to it that, by devious ways, Tarpitz should become aware of the attention he was paying the widow. He took a photographer to her house under the pretext that he was anxious to have a crayon enlargement from her photograph. While he was posing her in a chair, he stood behind her with one hand upon her shoulder. Then he winked to the photographer who promptly squeezed the camera bulb. After that Mrs. Sammish insisted upon being photographed in a half dozen different poses, each of which required a change of costume but Gordon had no further interest in the performance. The next day he showed Tarpitz the picture.

"Don't she look twenty years younger?" he asked. Tarpitz gritted his teeth.

"Maybe, if you was blind," he replied, sarcastically. "But when a man got that spooney giggle on his face, like you in the picture, I guess he don't see straight."
"Tarpitz," said Gordon, gravely,

"the eyes see through the heart."

For a moment this bit of wisdom staggered Tarpitz. Then, a smile came to his face and he rubbed his hands.

"Look-a here, Gordon," he said, in a jovial voice, "to hell with that will. You write me out your check for two thousand dollars and we'll call everything square. You marry the widow or anybody else you like. Marry a dozen of them. Only you'll be free to do what you like and the

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Gordon laughed.

"Didn't the will say I shouldn't have to pay you a cent if I married the lady? And didn't I prove to you that she's a—a peach? What d'ye think I am? Meshugeh?"

"But two thousand dollars-you save eight!" protested Tarpitz.

"I save ten," said Gordon, with a chuckle. "Did you get me elected in the association yet?"

"The election is to-night," said Tarpitz. "We hold a meeting."

"I'll drop in in a day or two," said Gordon. The following day he went with Leah to the marriage bureau and obtained his license. That night they dined together and discussed the plans for their wedding. They had selected the following Sunday for face. the ceremony.

morning," said Leah. "She was to have a big wedding. And I wrote to my cousin in Philadelphia to come over and to Uncle Hyman."

"Who's Uncle Hyman?" asked of him before."

"Oh, he's only a distant uncle-a half-brother of my mother," exa long time. His name is Hyman ten thousand." Tarpitz."

Yes. It is true. There are emotions that occasionally arise in the human breast which cannot be described. The chief reason for this brain ceases for the duration of these emotions and the mind cannot intelligently grasp its own sensations. Something like this happened to Gordon. He felt his senses reeling. Leah asked him if he felt ill. He

"It must have been the soup," she suggested. "Maybe you'd better see a doctor. I can get home by myself."

"I guess that's the best," assented Gordon. He departed hastily. During the walk to Tarpitz's house he managed to regain control of himself. Tarpitz seemed surprised to see him.

"I was getting worried," explained Gordon. "Excuse me for bothering you at your house."

"Ah!" exclaimed Tarpitz, his face lighting up. "Did you decide to compromise?"

"Compromise?" repeated Gordon, dully. "Oh, you mean about that will? Bosh! Get it out of your head. dully. I was thinking about my election to the association. You see, when a man is getting married, he ought to join a benefit society for his wife's sake. You never can tell what could happen to a fellow."

'Oh, you were elected all right," "But, said Tarpitz impatiently. look-a here, Gordon, why don't you

association will get something out of act reasonable? You're saving ten thousand dollars. Why shouldn't you give two thousand to the Montefiore? I ask you like a man."

"But when I don't have to?" retorted Gordon.

"Come. We'll make it fifteen hundred," said Tarpitz, coaxingly. "What's fifteen hundred dollars to a man like you?"

"Fifteen hundred fiddlesticks," said Gordon. "Look, Tarpitz, I just want to give you a peep at something so you can see how you are wasting your breath." Gordon drew from his pocket the marriage license, held it up to Tarpitz's face for an instant and then returned it to his pocket.

"One thousand dollars!" said Tarpitz, wiping the perspiration from his

"Forget it!" said Gordon. "What "I told my aunt about it this I want to ask is, how much does it cost to be a life member by the Monteawfully mad because we weren't going fiore? The reason I ask is, I hate to pay dues every month. I might forget It's better to pay up everything on the spot."

"It costs two hundred and fifty Gordon. "I never heard you speak dollars," said Tarpitz. "Why don't you listen to reason? Couldn't you make a present to the Montefiore treasury of-say five hundred dolplained Leah. "I haven't seen him for lars? What's that to you? You save

"Save ten thousand?" repeated Gordon. "Say, let me tell you something. I never worked so hard for ten thousand dollars before in my life." A servant entered the room probably is that the operation of the and handed Tarpitz a letter. Gordon recognized Leah's handwriting and a quick chill ran down his spine. He hastily looked at his watch.

"Listen, Tarpitz," he said, rising. "Mrs. Sammish is waiting for me and I can't stay a minute. Now I'll tell you what I'll do. You make me a life member of the Montefiore. See? And just because you're a good sport and-er-wanted to let me off easydon't you see?-I'll give you five hundred dollars altogether for the life membership and for that release from the will-you understand, don't you?-not because I got any use for it, but so's you can show the other fellows in the association what a foxy fellow you are. And, some day, when I want to run for some office in the Montefiore, I expect you to support

"Sure," said Tarpitz, "wait till I read this letter."

"I got just one second to wait," said Gordon, quickly. "Here's my fountain pen. Write out a receipt for five hundred dollars for a life membership and payment in full of my debt whenever it comes due to the Montefiore. Here's five hundred dollars in cash. Hurry, now! A man who's getting married ain't got much time."

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groups over the German frontier on cloudy nights into Germany. Once in Germany, let these groups of bedraggled and hungry looking fellows follow two strategic moves. First, having seen to it that before leaving the United States each man is equipped with a small bottle of rosewater and glycerine and a small medicine dropper, instruct each man to drop two drops of the rose-water and glycerine into the corners of each of his eyes. These drops of rosewater and glycerine will look (as they look in the case of our movie actresses) like big tears and will give each of the men a wistful and heart-touching pathos. Now that the men have given themselves the essential mien, let them in groups of two or three hang around the backyards of the hausfrauen, and see to it that the kitchen door of every hausfrau in the Empire is covered.

The husbands, obviously enough, will all be away at the front and, since women are easy marks and very much quicker to succumb to the "sympathy" strategy than men, the Coxey plan should work vastly better in Germany at the present time than it did in America, where all the husbands were at home and unsympathetically told their wives that Coxey's militiamen were dirty bums and if they didn't beat it out of the and overwhelming victory!

Holland in equally small and unnoticed backyard quick, they, the husbands, would take 'em by the seat of the pants and throw them over the fence. Thus, with all the German husbands away, the Allied armies, in these groups of two and three, will have a comparatively easy time wringing the hearts of the sentimental German wives and persuading the latter to give them hand-outs of such substantial titbits as Suss-sauer kalbskeule mit puréekartoffeln, rinderbrust mit meerrettich und wirsingkohl, wiener roastbraten thit krebsschwanzchen auf gebratenes sardellenbutter, junge Hamburger gans mit apfelmus und teltower rubchen and neuer geraucherter winterrheinlachs mit emmkahsauce, to say nothing of occasional hand-outs of such minor delicatessen as kohlrabiklopsen mit bouillonreis und pellkartoffeln, pokelrinderzunge auf garnierter weissbrodschnitte and marinierte zander mit hollandischersauce. Then -after these hand-outs have kept up for, say, three or four weeks, and before the sinister strategy dawns on the hausfrauen, the Allied armies will have eaten all the surplus food in Germany and the German soldiers at the front will suddenly find themselves not only without food, but with no chance of getting any more! And thus will the German forces be starved into surrender and will the Allied arms achieve an almost immediate

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Tarpitz sat down and laboriously wrote out the required receipt. Gordon stood behind him, clutching the back of the chair for support. When Tarpitz handed him the receipt he read it carefully, heaved a deep sigh and tucked the paper into his pocket.

"I'll see you at the wedding, old man," he said. "Now I want to shake hands with you because we always got to be good friends. You're a fine man and maybe, some day, you and I can do some good business together. But you got to get up earlier in the morning and see a dentist about your eye-teeth." Tarpitz, somewhat puzzled, escorted his visitor to the

"Good-night, Gordon!" he said. Good luck.

"Good night, Uncle!" said Gordon, cheerily, as he descended the stairs.

"Uncle!" muttered Tarpitz, as he returned to his room. "That young fellow got plenty of nerve." He then opened the letter which he still held in his hand. He had to read it several times before the full significance of its contents dawned upon him. Slowly, he sank into a chair, still gazing at the letter but without reading a word of it. Then, with his clenched fist, he smote himself upon the forehead.

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quite see where her fame came in. I suppose that I represent the young Ulric presently, "I could be so much generation, which, you always say, must resent the judgment of the older generation sometimes. I quite see where the magnificent authority of I Madame Bernhardt occurred, and she has gripped and held me entranced. It seemed to me rather pitiful to see such an artist appearing amid such settings. I could see the joins in the scenery, and all the makeshifts, but in spite of that I revelled in every Bernhardt performance I witnessed. Then I met her, and I suppose I was prejudiced in her favor. She was so that?" charming to me and she didn't even know me. I was just a nobody, and she was the great actress. Yet she delightfully cordial, and I shall never one. forget our meeting."

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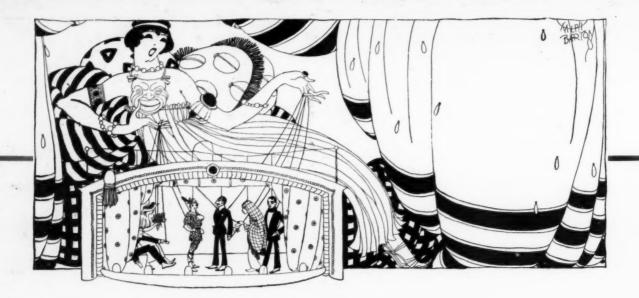
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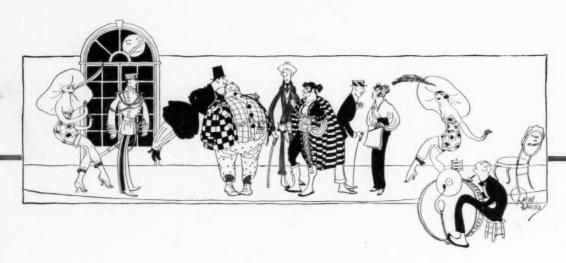
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